



Guardian & Conservator Services

We are the State agency responsible for providing public guardianship and conservatorship services to incapacitated adults. Our goal is to help the incapacitated person gain or regain the ability to make his or her own decisions, so that the person no longer needs a guardian.

SOME OF OUR SERVICES

- Guardianship/surrogate decision-making for medical, housing, habilitation and other decisions on the behalf of incapacitated adults
- Conservatorship and/or representative payee services to help incapacitated adults manage their money
- Information, referral, education and training to the community about guardianship and conservatorship
- Rights protection and advocacy for incapacitated adults

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Program (client monitoring, friendly visits, assistance with shopping, errands, arts & crafts) and Administrative (office assistance, filing, public relations) volunteer opportunities within Office of Public Guardian (OPG) are available. To volunteer with OPG, contact: Pattijean Sanchez, OPG Volunteer Coordinator
801-538-4309 or psanchez@utah.gov

Utah Commission on Volunteers, 1-888-755-UTAH (8824),
www.volunteers.utah.gov

IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION

Utah Office of Public Guardian

801-538-8255, www.opg.utah.gov

Utah Division of Aging and Adult Services

1-877-424-4640, www.hsdaas.utah.gov

Utah Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD)

1-800-837-6811 or 801-538-4200, TTY 801-538-4192,
www.dspd.utah.gov

National Guardianship Association

877-326-5992, www.guardianship.org

Disability Law Center

1-800-662-9080, www.disabilitylawcenter.org

To report abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult:

1-800-371-7897 or 801-264-7669

For additional information, visit www.opg.utah.gov

Quick Facts:

- An incapacitated person is someone who, for a variety of reasons, may become incapable of making minimally adequate decisions about medical treatment or everyday life and as a result their health or safety are in jeopardy
- A guardian is an individual or organization named by the Court to act as a surrogate decision maker for an incapacitated person
- A conservator is a person appointed by the court to manage and protect the estate (money and property) of an incapacitated person
- 26% of Utahns do not have a family member or other person who could manage their medical and financial matters; 5 % do not know
- 700-1400 adult Utahns, with age-related dementia, developmental disabilities and/or serious & persistent mental illness, are incapable of making basic decisions about their health, safety and personal finances